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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2160

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG FAO ES AORG

SUBJ: 1975 ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL FAO

REF: STATE 243259, (1974)

USCINCSO FOR POLAD

1. FRANCISCO AQUINO, SALVADORAN CANDIDATE FOR FAO DIRECTOR GENERALSHIP, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JUNE 2 AND GAVE US THE BENEFIT OF HIS ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN THE FAO RACE.

2. FIRST, AQUINO STATED HIS FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL COME FROM AN LDC. HE SAID THE SIMPLE ARITHMETIC OF THE NATURE OF PARTICIPANT VOTERS ASSURES THIS OUTCOME.

3. THE ONLY TWO STRONG LDC CANDIDATES, ACCORDING TO AQUINO, ARE HIMSELF, WITH THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN BLOC, AND THE LEBANESE SAOUMA, WITH THE ARAB BLOC BEHIND HIM.

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AQUINO SAID HE KNOWS THAT SAOUMA'S SUPPORTERS ARE MAKING A STRONG

PITCH TO PICK UP VOTES IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA, APPEALING TO SOME  
ON BASIS OF RELIGION, OTHERS ON BASIS OF REGIONAL OR EOINIC  
AFFINITIES.

4. AQUINO BELIEVES THAT THE SAOUMA CANDIDACY WILL ENCOUNTER  
DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF A GROWING BELIEF AMONG THE  
LDC'S THAT THE ARAB BLOC, ALREADY IN A POSITION OF STRENGTH  
FROM ITS PETROLEUM RICHES AND OPEC CONNECTIONS AND THE LIKELIHOOD  
OF AN ARAB HEADING UP THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SINCE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS ARE EXPECTED  
TO BE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS), SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN LEADERSHIP OF A  
THIRD POWERFUL MECHANISM SUCH AS THE FAO. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE  
STANDS AN EXCELLENT CAHNCE OF EMERGING AS THE LDC CANDIDATE WITH  
THE GREATEST SUPPORT, AND THUS THE WINNER.  
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